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# A WORTHY S P E E C H

Spoken in the Honourable House

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By Sir

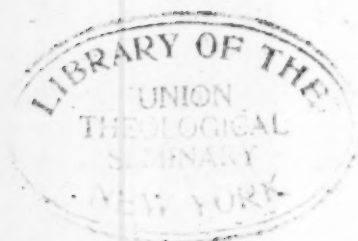
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This present *July*, 1642.

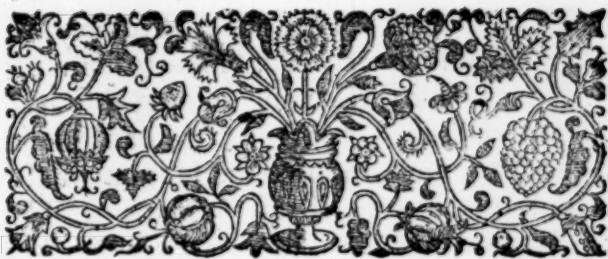


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A Speech spoken in the House of  
Commons by Sir BENIAMIN  
RUDYARD. *July 9. 1642.*

M<sup>r</sup> SPEAKER,



IN the way we are, we have  
gone as farre as words can  
carry us : We have voted  
our own Rights, and the  
Kings Duty: No doubt there  
is a Relative Duty between  
a King and Subjects ; Obe-  
dience from a Subject to a King, Protection  
from a King to His People. The present un-  
happie distance between His Majestie and the  
Parliament, makes the whole Kingdome

stand amazed, in a fearful expectation of dismall Calamities to fall upon it: It deeply and conscionably concerns this House to compose and settle these threatening ruining distractions. *M. Speaker*, I am touch'd, I am pier'd with an apprehension of the Honour of the House, and successe of this Parliament. The best way to give a stop to these desperate, imminent mischiefs is, To make a fair way for the Kings return hither; It will likewise give best satisfaction to the people, and will be our best Justification. *M. Speaker*, That we may the better consider the condition we are now in, let us set our selves three Yeers back: If any man then, could have credibly told us, That within three Yeers the Queen shall be gone out of *England* into the Low-Countries, for any cause whatsoever, The King shal remove from his Parliament, from *London* to *York*, declaring himself not to be safe here, That there shall be a totall Rebellion in *Ireland*, Such discords and distempers both in Church and State here, as now we finde; certainly we should have trembled at the thought of it: Wherefore it is fit we should be sensible now we are in it.

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On the other side, If any man then, could have crediblie told us, That within three Yeers ye shall have a Parliament, it would have been good News; That Ship-monie shall be taken away by an Act of Parliament, the Reasons and Grounds of it so rooted out, as that neither it, nor any thing like it, can ever grow up again; That Monopolies, The high-Commission Court, The Starre-Chamber, The Bishops Votes shall be taken away, The Councell Table regulated and restrained, The Forrests bounded and limited; That ye shall have a Trienniall Parliament; and more then that, A Perpetuall Parliament, which none shall have power to dissolve without your selves, we should have thought this a dream of happinesse; yet now we are in the real possession of it, we do not enjoy it, although His Majestie hath promised and published he will make all this good to us: We stand chiefly upon further security; whereas, the very having of these things, is a convenient, fair securitie, mutually securing one another: there is more securitie offered, even in this last answer of the Kings, By removing

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the personall Votes of Popish Lords, By the Better Education of Papists children, By supplying the defects of Laws against Recusants, besides what else may be enlarged and improved by a select Committee of both Houses, named for that purpose. Wherefore, Sir, let us beware we do not contend for such a hazardous unsafe securitie, as may endanger the losse of what we have already ; let us not think we have nothing, because we have not all we desire ; and though we had, yet we cannot make a Mathematicall securitie ; All humane Caution is Susceptible of corruption and failing ; Gods providence will not be bound, successe must be his : He that observes the wind and rain, shall neither sow nor reap ; if he do nothing till he can secure the weather, he will have but an ill harvest.

*M. Speaker*, It now behoves us to call up all the wisdom we have about us, for we are at the very brink of Combustion and confusion : If blood once begin to touch blood, we shall presentlie fall into a certain miserie, and must attend an uncertain successe, God knows when, and God knows what. Every man

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man here is bound in conscience to employ his uttermost endeavours to prevent the effusion of blood; blood is a crying sin, it pollutes a Land; let us save our Liberties and our Estates, as we may save our Souls too. Now I have clearly delivered mine own conscience, I leave every man freely to his.



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